Expanding the scope of textile sector

*176. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is expanding the scope of the Textile Sector to 'Look East' policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of measures being conceived to modernize different segments of the Textile Industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) In order to diversify the textiles exports and reduce dependence on EU and USA, the Government is promoting an export policy regime which covers all the potential markets including the nations of South East Asia. The policy envisages not only search for new markets but also attracting direct foreign investment. Ths Government is promoting Textiles Mega Shows in focused countries with assured market potential to showcase the entire textiles value addition chain as well as all facets of India's textiles and clothing industry. All the Textiles Export Promotion Councils shall be taking part in these Mega Shows to showcase 'Made-in-India' image in unison. Two such mega events have already been organized at Capetown and Johannesburg in South Africa; Buenos Aires in Argentina and Sao Paulo in Brazil. Another Mega Textiles Show is being organized in Japan during 21-23 July 2009. Such mega textiles shows are also being planned in Australia, Russia, South Africa, Argentina and Brazil in the later part of this financial year.

(c) Various policy initiatives have been taken by the Government to ensure modernization and sustained growth of Indian textiles and clothing sector, which, *inter-alia* include the following:-

(i) To improve productivity and quality of cotton for manufacture and export of competitive downstream textile products, Government has launched the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) in 2000.

(ii) To facilitate the modernization and upgradation of the textile industry both in the organised and unorganized sector, the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) was launched in 1999. The Scheme has been further fine tuned to increase the rapid investments in the targeted sub-sectors of the textile industry.

(iii) To equip the textiles industry with world-class infrastructure, a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) based Scheme known as the "Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP)" was introduced in August 2005.

(iv) The fiscal duty structure has been generally rationalized to achieve growth and maximum value addition within the country in successive Budgets from 2004-05 onwards.

(v) Government has allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment in the textile sector under automatic route.

(vi) Government has de-reserved the readymade garments, hosiery and knitwear from SSI sector so that large scale investments may be encouraged in these sectors.

(vii) National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) has been set up to provide a leadership role in

sensitizing the Industry to the concept of value addition by inducting trained professionals to manage the industry. This has resulted in an increased demand for trained professionals in various sectors servicing the industry.

The Government has continuously been monitoring the implementation of various schemes and requisite modifications are incorporated whenever required. TUFS and SITP have been continued in the 11th Five Year Plan.

Highway projects earmarked for Jharkhand

*177. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of highway projects earmarked for implementation *vis-a-vis* actual implementation in the State of Jharkhand from 2003-04 till 2008-09;

(b) whether Government is seized of deterioration in existing highway networks in Jharkhand which is aggravated due to movement of heavy transport vehicles engaged in transportation of iron ore and other minerals in bulk;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of special attention, if any, given to address this phenomenon of the road-uses and condition in Jharkhand; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (e) The details of National highway projects by Government of India in Jharkhand during the period from 2003-04 till 2008-09 with details of status of implementation are given in the Statement (*See* below). The Government is seized of the deterioration in condition of existing National Highway (NH) network in Jharkhand due to movement of heavy transport vehicles and has taken necessary steps to improve the condition of NH network.

Statement

Highway Projects Earmarked for Jharkhand

A. Implementation Status of National Highways Development projects (NHDP) in Jharkhand:

S.No.	NHDP Component	Total length (Km)	Completed 4-Lane (Km.)	Under Implementation		Balance for award of civil works
				Total length in (km.)	No. of package	Total length in (km.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	**NHDP Phase-I** (Golden Quadrilateral): 4-laning of Barachatti - Gorhar-Barwadda-Barakasr Section from km. 240.00 to 442.00 of NH-2	192	188	4	1	-